

Albury Matters



The Albury Parish Council Newsletter

Serving Albury, Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

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Chairman's Report

Discussion about the weather is a favourite British pastime, probably because it is so unpredictable. As I write this the temperature has reached 32°C, which is great news for our local farming community but some may be struggling with these exceptional temperatures.

There are some very interesting issues including the future of the Village Shop, the possibility of a local nursery and child care, affordable housing and housing for the elderly, and traffic calming through the Village.

Already a number of positive ideas have been put forward and I hope that many of you will get involved in the various working groups that will be formed.

We will make sure that all project ideas and discussions are open and transparent, and once there are some firm proposals parishioners will be fully consulted before they are implemented.

Nick Wenman, APC Chairman

Inside this issue of *Albury Matters* is an update on how we intend to progress the **Parish Plan**. *The Parish Needs Questionnaire* highlighted a number of key areas which you would like us to focus on. The resultant draft *Vision and Objectives* will be put forward for formal adoption at the September Parish Council meeting which I hope many of you will attend.

Parish Finances

The Parish Council's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March, and we have just completed our accounts for the last financial year, had them scrutinised by the internal auditor, and have sent them to the external auditor for final approval.

The Parish Council had an income for the year of £38,515 from the Precept (raised through Council Tax), and £11,000 from the Village Hall. We were particularly pleased with the increase in income from letting the Village Hall, which means that it is getting closer to breaking even and not such a drain on the precept.

Expenditure of just over £30,000 included a grant of £500 towards the Jubilee celebrations and the cost of up-dating our website, as well as a special Jubilee edition of *Albury Matters*. We were also able to organise four defibrillators for the Parish, and floodlights for the Cricket and Football Club, also to be used for other parish functions. All of these items have been funded through grants.

Despite a very busy and expensive year (but one that was hugely enjoyable), your Parish Council has been able to maintain and slightly increase its reserves, and look forward to taking on some new projects in this coming year.

Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk.



Albury photographs courtesy of John Powell

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Albury Get-Together's

All of the social events that have been hosted by the Albury Get Together Girls this year have been highly successful and enjoyed by everyone that came along.



Diary Dates:

Sunday 8 September:

PARISH PARTY ON THE GREEN

Saturday 12 October:

70's NIGHT

DJ Dan's Disco - Mania

Saturday 9 November:

FISH & CHIP QUIZ NIGHT

PARISH PARTY ON THE GREEN

SAVE THE DATE
TICKETS ON SALE FROM EARLY AUGUST

Sunday 8 September
12 am – 4 pm
£10 per ticket
(£5 for under 8's)

Fun for the whole family on the Green in Farley Green

Spit roast/BBQ
Raffle
Games
Music
Village Market
Rounders
Tombolas
Tug of war

To book your stall (£10) at the Village Market please email farleybarnevents@gmail.com We are looking for hand-made crafts, local produce and products

All proceeds to St Michael's Church Farley Green Fabric Fund Trust and Albury Cricket & Football Club

So What Happens Now?

October 2012

ALBURY PARISH NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE

ALBURY PARISH – FINDING OUT WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

A Public Meeting to discuss the results of the Questionnaire that was sent out to everyone during February was held on 30 April in the Village Hall.

William Moorwood (Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee) ran through all of the responses and comments that the residents had given to the various questions that were asked in the Survey, and finally the results were handed over to the Parish Council for their forward consideration.

Subsequently, after a couple of informal meetings between the Parish Plan group and members of the Parish Council, a Vision Statement and associated Objectives have been drafted based on the combined responses to the Parish Needs Questionnaire:

Vision Statement:

Maintain and build a vibrant, sustainable community that meets the needs of Parishioners whilst preserving the character and heritage of Albury Parish.

Objectives:

- Create a Village Green in the heart of Albury.

- Improve and develop support for businesses and home workers in the community.
- Ensure the sustainability of a Village Shop.
- Meet the housing needs of the Parish, with emphasis on affordable starter homes and housing for the elderly.
- Establish the feasibility of providing local nursery and childcare facilities.
- Maintain the amenity of a community centre (currently provided by the Village Hall)
- Implement traffic calming measures through Albury Village.

Hopefully, these will be formally agreed at the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for 2nd September, when a **Parish Plan Committee** will be formed comprising Parish Councillors as well as co-opted parishioners.

Once the feasibility of a number of different actions has been established, these will be circulated to all residents for their comments and, finally, agreement on the best way forward.

Editorial Comment



SUPERFAST broadband

Katie Brennan is the recently appointed Engagement Manager for Surrey Superfast Broadband. By the start of October it is hoped that we will be well on the way to having Superfast Broadband delivered. Katie will be joining us at the October meeting of the Parish Council to explain the way this is planned.

Superfast Surrey is aiming to get Superfast Broadband to all homes and businesses in the county. At present it is anticipated that we will be some of the first residents to enjoy this service by the end of this year.

Once the roll-out begins there will be a significant number of BT Openreach vans roving the Parish.

We will keep you informed of the progress.

Cllr. Steve Scott

Parish Enhancements by the APC Road Gang!



New grit bins purchased by APC together with the old SCC ones which have now been serviced, have been strategically placed around the parish ready for next winter.



Installation of the new APC Notice board at Little London.



Lime Tree planting and seeding with wild flowers, alongside the Silent Pool car park. A combined enhancement project jointly funded by Surrey Wildlife, Silent Pool Vineyard and the APC.

Editorial

Surrey Hills AONB Tillingbourne Valley Project

The Tillingbourne Valley is very distinctive in the Surrey Hills and is now the focus of a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Landscape Partnership bid. The HLF offers grants between £250K and £3m for Landscape Partnerships that make a step change in the better management of heritage, the quality of experiences for local people and visitors and the improvement of communities in areas of distinctive landscape character.

The Tillingbourne Valley runs from Leith Hill to Shalford. This distinctive landscape features chalk grassland, heathland and ancient woodland and has a rich industrial, artistic and cultural heritage. After the three public meetings over the winter to gauge local interest, the working group has made a bid for £1million funding to achieve over several years the five main aims:

- To conserve & enhance the Landscape.
- To create centres of excellence for research, skills, training & volunteering.
- To develop 'Tales and Trails in the Tillingbourne Valley'.
- Support community groups.
- To inspire a new generation.

The application was sent through at the end of May and will be decided by the end of October. (The competition for this funding will be very strong!)

Cllr. David Wright

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AED Training - Book your Place!

The next Training Session for any of the five fixed *Automated External Defibrillators* that are situated around the Parish will be during September. The final date and venue to be fixed according to the numbers of interested residents.

To those that would be willing to become part of the **Albury Community First Responders Programme** there will be a special, more intensive, training session that will be run in conjunction with the Surrey NHS Ambulance Service.

Come along and see how easy it is to save a life!

All are welcome, please confirm with Joanna Cadman: 01483 268627 or e-mail: joanna@joannacadman.com



SITA Restoration



At last the SITA restoration programme is getting firmly under way. The unsightly membrane at the eastern end has now been covered and the work of bringing in top soil and final contouring has begun in earnest.

Recently the APC were invited up to see the progress and were rightly impressed with the progress that is being made. Arrangements have been made for a site visit for local residents which will take place in September. Please register your interest with Joanna Cadman on: joanna@joannacadman.com

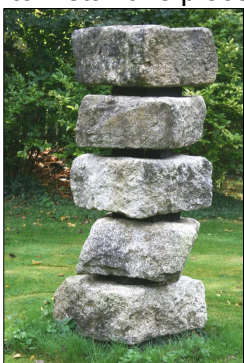


Letter to the Editor: *"I'm concerned by the use of the Westonfields car park as a play area for small children; the cars wizz in and out and use the car park as a turning area and it's very dangerous. I can't understand why the play area isn't used, it's such a lovely facility. Maybe they would like it tarmaced over and used for additional parking? it would totally ruin the life of the car driver as well as the family of the child if something were to happen and it just seems to me so unnecessary"*

Albury Sculpture

Your Parish Council has acquired a sculpture, representing the five areas of Farley Green, Brook, Little London, Albury and Newlands Corner. It has been donated, free of charge, by a local company - 'Art Master'.

The problem at the moment is where to install this piece of Public art!



There are two suggested sites, either on the grass verge at the Village Hall or on Farley Green between the pond, August Lane and Shophouse Lane.

What do you think?

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Old Mill Bus Stop Up-Date

Progress has not been as easy and clear-cut as it seemed earlier this year. However, it is moving along, but, at a slower pace than the APC would like.

It is hoped that with all of the engineering anomalies now out of the way progress will be made to get the work started. A competitive quotation for the supply and installation of the Passenger Refuge from a local company looks as though they may be offered the contract which, of course, would be better to keep the integrity of the rural location intact.

The timing is becoming somewhat critical as the SCC need to firm up

Passengers' fury as developers wall off an easy landing at bus stop

A BUS stop in a Surrey village has been deemed dangerous after a developer built a wall over part of the pavement and left narrow paths for passengers to alight. People in Albury have been using the bus stop outside the old mill on The Street, for more than 50 years. The private land where the stop stands, however, was bought by Landline Properties Ltd in November 2008 and a brick wall was put up almost immediately next to the bus stop. As a result, people only have 10 inches of pavement to step out onto when getting off the bus. This makes life especially tricky for parents with prams or people in wheelchairs. When the planning application for the property was allowed. Officers at the borough council did not take into account the effect that the wall would have on the area around the bus stop. During a consultation, Surrey County Council's high-



Albert and Evelyn Carter at the bus stop outside Old Mill in Albury.

Albury all his life, said: "There's no actual platform now. The wall goes right over the pavement and the bus stop sticks out of the bushes. I do think it's an issue, it's dangerous." "When I get off the bus I think oh my god, there's not enough room." "I would have thought the developer would have done some for the village people, not wanting to upset them, but through the bus stop is on their property, it's been there for years." Following complaints, meetings have been held between representatives from Landline Properties Ltd, officers from Guildford Borough Council and the county council and Albury parish councillors but no forwarding has been determined. The chairman of the parish council, Nick Wenman, said: "It's a real problem for the locals here, it's caused quite a bit of upset." "Although there are other bus stops in Albury this one is used by school buses and more particularly by elderly people, it's obviously very difficult for them to walk further to another bus stop." "It's pretty poor that whoever it was in charge of planning didn't take the bus stop into account." Guildford Borough Council enforcement team officers are said to be looking into the matter. A spokesman for Surrey County Council said: "Looking at the bus stop in the 1950s, or possibly even earlier, many years before the county council became responsible for this work. "Given the nature of the development and the layout of the road, there is no location nearby to move the stop to." "We are currently looking again at a solution to suit everyone and a possible alternative location in the area." Ian Felgate, the architect who designed Old Mill Mill property said that it is in the hands of the local authority to reposition the bus stop.

on their programme for the rest of the year.

Certainly the residents pressure for this refuge to be installed is still apparent.

Roy Hogben Community Dev.

A Helping Hand.....

Michael Woodhatch has offered to do small odd jobs, free of charge, for elderly parishioners who need help. Please make direct contact with him: 01483 202 319